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THE LAW VINDICATED.

The conviction of the five Japanese conspirators as charged shows that island juries are getting more sure-footed and that the enforcement of criminal law is not so unsafe in their hands as the riot verdict had led many people to fear.

The strike-leaders have only themselves to blame for the trouble they are in. Months ago this journal warned their organ, the Nippon Jiji, of the sure result of its firebrand policy, and all through the strike it exposed the folly of their plea. One bad phase of the conspiracy was the implied contempt for American law. The leaders seemed to think themselves safe on their "colonial foundation"; they caused their dupes to believe that Japan would help them in a crisis, or, if not, that a Japanese population of 70,000 was sufficient unto itself. It was well to meet these ideas with a complete assertion of the law. And by last night's verdict the law has been firmly vindicated.

Under the punishment clause of the third degree of conspiracy the court can sentence the convicted men to imprisonment at hard labor not exceeding one year and to pay fines not exceeding four hundred dollars. The sentence, whatever it may be, will materially interfere with the benevolent designs of the Higher Wage Association to settle further difficulties between employer and employee.

The strike-leaders have not only got themselves into a blind alley, but they have started a movement which is bound, in the end, to change the nationality of field labor in Hawaii and deprive their countrymen of an opportunity which will surely brighten as it takes its flight.

BOOMS AND PROGRESS.

When people talk against booms, they talk against prosperity. The place that never had a boom never went far; and it is by booms that all the cities of the United States progressed until they became big enough, if they had the germs of bigness in them, to get on by means of their own momentum. New York boomed when the British evacuated it; the place boomed again when the Clermont was built; still again when the Erie canal was constructed; again when the transatlantic steamship service was inaugurated, and it got its biggest boom right after the Civil War. Then New York got so large and lively that it did not notice a boom as a change from normal conditions.

Western cities give the best recent examples of the good effect of booms. San Francisco, just before the earthquake, had one, and, twenty-four hours before that calamity fell, The Call congratulated its readers on the outcome. San Diego, Los Angeles, Seattle and Tacoma are essentially boom cities—places that have gone ahead with great leaps, then stopped to get breath, and have gone ahead again. Are their examples not worth following?

"But when an omelet has to be made some eggs must be broken." It is true that many get hurt in booms; that the weak and the luckless are forced to the wall. But when did progress ever suit its pace to that of the weak and luckless? Its standards are raised and its victories won by the strong and fortunate. Everybody speculates in booms and a great many invest in land and particularly in improvements on land and in the creation of public utilities. After the boom is over the improvements remain; the utilities are established; a bigger and fairer and more comfortable city has been created; often new farms and orchards abound. The people who owe on them stay and fight to save the property from the sheriff and either do it or sell out to some one who will make the property more valuable. The result is an advance in all that goes to make urban and rural civilization. San Diego, which had a broken boom on its hands for a decade, is a greater and richer city than it was when the boom tide was running. It has had a big upward thrust in the meantime. The same is true of Los Angeles. While individuals have been hurt in the struggle, as they are in all the competitions of life, the cities themselves have forged splendidly ahead.

There is probably no place in the West in which a boom could do less harm and more good than Honolulu. The annexation gave us a bigger, finer and more satisfactory city; it made Honolulu modern. The casualties were few. Why? Because Honolulu, when it booms, does so on the sure foundation of a thirty or forty million dollar sugar crop. San Diego had little to fall back on but bay, climate and possibilities; Los Angeles had climate and fruit and a strategic railroad position. But Honolulu has its gold-mining plantations behind it and could not "go broke" under any probable circumstances. Tomorrow it could take hold of boom conditions and so manage things that the city would come out of it with 100,000 people; its wealth and its area doubled; its position assured; its fame and drawing power vastly enhanced. Yet people who know nothing of booms or who fear that they will bring in the competition which is the life of trade continuously warn us against them.

AN INSULAR DEPARTMENT.

According to Washington dispatches, the President has issued an executive order transferring jurisdiction over Porto Rico from the Department of the Interior to the War Department and confiding the care of the island to the Bureau of Insular Affairs, of which General Clarence R. Edwards is the chief.

The transfer is described in telegrams to the New York Tribune as the first step in a policy advocated by President Taft of placing all the insular possessions of the United States under the Bureau of Insular Affairs and of elevating it ultimately to a department similar to the Colonial Office of Great Britain. Senator Root, who created the Bureau of Insular Affairs, is an earnest advocate of this policy, and has under consideration a project of transferring Tutuila, Manua, and Guam to the Insular Bureau.

The President believes that the experience gained in governing the Philippines and handling the extremely delicate situation in Cuba can best be utilized by putting all the insular possessions under a single bureau. Men who have "made good" in the Philippines will probably be promoted to places of trust in Porto Rico and other possessions and thus a corps of trained insular officers will be developed.

There is some question whether it will be considered wise to place Alaska and Hawaii under the same bureau. The President believes such a step would be advisable, but some Congressmen do not agree with him, and that may prevent it.

Mr. Roosevelt's return to this country will be preceded by a tour of Europe, during which he is to be received with exceptional honors, scholastic as well as social. His coming will be in good time to contend for the Dewey vacancy in the Senate and for control of the New York political machine. As Governor Hughes does not cultivate the politicians, Mr. Roosevelt may find no opposition in that quarter; though it may be thought doubtful that he will meet the exuberance of enthusiasm in the Empire State to which he has been accustomed. Respect for the quiet and business-like administration of Mr. Taft has dampened the ardor all over the land for policies more strenuous.

People whose religion teaches them that this is an ancient and decrepit world in its "last days," should observe the earthquake and be wise. The earthquake and its conqueror, the volcano, are busy building and adjusting a globe which is so young, geologically, that it has not begun to settle down. While the earth is full of growing pains it has a long life before it. The moon has no earthquakes or active volcanoes. It is an old and dead planet. But the earth we live on is alive with the unrestrained energies of youth.

The Star says that the new Matson liner will be called the Honolulu. We doubt it. Honolulu is the better rendering, like San Francisco and San Diego, although Chicagoan might, with all its awkwardness, be cited on the other side. There seems to be no set rule, the commoner effort being to eliminate surplus letters and produce a smooth word.

The Lucania was sunk at her dock because it was cheaper to put out the fire that way than by the usual appliances. The next day she was raised again, apparently without much trouble. By the submergence plan great damage from fire was avoided and a soaking could have done no more harm to nice fittings than smoke.

"The Portola festival," remarks the eminent Bulletin, "is an example that should be taken to heart by all pinheads." Whereupon the Bulletin proceeds to take it to heart like one to the manner born.

"It is a wise tariff bill," remarks the Toledo Blade, "that knows its own father."

AMUSEMENTS

Art Theater.

There will be some fine attractions at the Art today, and many more days to come, all right. The proprietors of this favorite amusement resort, being wise in their generation, know how to hide their time and to get busy at the psychological moment.

By the Makura yesterday there arrived the famous Lessors, the most startling and magnificent jugglers ever seen in the antipodes or in Honolulu. The two Lessors are male and female. The latter's act is to stand around, comedy-act and look pretty. The male is a juggler and balancer of the front rank. If you have heard of the celebrated Paul Cinquevalli, known throughout the length and breadth of the world, you will know what is meant.

These are the people whom Bailey & Lawson, to whom they brought letters from mutual Australian friends, have engaged at a cost probably unheard of in Honolulu theatricals. They will appear at the matinee today, with two performances every night, to continue until the sailing of the Mauna Kea next Tuesday, when they will proceed to Hilo and appear a week or more at the new and pretty Gaiety Theater, also owned by the above-named and enterprising theatrical proprietors. After this they will finish up with another and entirely different act in Honolulu for the third and last week, and will take engagement with no one else in Hawaii.

An exceptionally fine program of moving pictures has been selected for the opening performances today, the title of the feature film being "The Rose's Heart." It is a brand new film by the American Mutoscope and Biograph Co., in perfect condition and beautifully clear, proving indisputably that you need not always go abroad for good films; for not only is the subject splendidly conceived and superbly staged, but the moral it conveys to the observer is a most wholesome one. The pictures are the best seen in this city for many months.

A special stage to accommodate the new performers has been erected, the musical part of the entertainment has had the most careful consideration, and altogether the patrons of the good old Art are bound to show up and fill the house to overflowing.

Remember that there is no advance in the prices of admission, and come early. Two performances each night, and time for all to take in the entire show.

Cachuca by Request.

That dainty little dancer, Sibyl Campbell Reid, made a great hit at the Empire Theater last night with her Scottish dances. She looked as "Aery as a fairy" in her kilts, and was as lively in the Highland fling as she was graceful the night before in her Spanish cachuca.

People here seem to like her Spanish dance so well that several requests have been left with Manager Overend to have her repeat them tonight. This has been arranged, and the dreamy cachuca will again be danced for the delight of those who go to the Empire.

Band and Pictures Free.

The band will play at the Athletic Park tonight. This will be one part of the big free attraction arranged by the management of the new open-air amusement place. In addition to the band, there will be a moving picture exhibition with all seats in the grandstand and bleachers absolutely free.

The gates at both the Kukui and Beretania entrances will be thrown wide open, and those who wish to view the pictures and listen to the music from autos or rigs can do so by merely driving in and taking up a position at the mauka side of the screen.

The screen will be placed in the center of the diamond and, as it is transparent, the pictures can be seen as well from one side as the other. The only differences will be that the writing, should there be any on the films, will be backward when viewed from the far end of the screen. As a matter of fact, the films selected for tonight have no writing on them, except the usual introductory notice.

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